HOUSE BILL 823

By Campfield

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to the authorization to carry weapons.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1315, is amended by adding a new subsection thereto, as follows:

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(A) Any:

- (i) Law enforcement officer;
 - (ii) Retired law enforcement officer;
- (iii) Active, retired and honorably discharged member of the United States military and the United States military reserves in good standing; and
- (iv) Reserve Officer Training Cadet, over the age of eighteen (18), in any branch of service;

who is not otherwise prohibited by law is authorized to carry handguns at all times upon the premises of a public postsecondary institution upon receiving a directive from the head of such public postsecondary institution or a designee of the head of such postsecondary institution.

Copies of the written directive shall be maintained by the public postsecondary institution issuing such directive and by the individual who is carrying a handgun pursuant to this subsection.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1310, is amended by adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

() A person has been issued a handgun carry permit issued pursuant to Section 39-17-1351, or a valid directive pursuant to Section 39-17-1315(c);

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.

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